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PRESERVATION OF THE DEAD.

[From the London News.]

The process patented by M. Falcony, a French chemist, for embalming and preserving dead bodies, though it has for several years been in use in some of the principal cities on the Continent, has but recently been introduced into this country and even yet it is little known, if at all, beyond the limits of the medical profession. It is probable, however, that the highly successful result of an experiment which took place yesterday at the Groenew School of Medicine will not only establish its efficiency among the medical authorities of London, but will lead to its general use throughout the country.

The preparations of M. Falcony are of two kinds—one, a fluid, intended to preserve the body for an indefinite period, and the other a powder, designed to prevent decomposition for a considerable time, or to arrest active putrefaction if it have already commenced.

Both processes were subjected to an examination yesterday, but it was to the latter, as being of greater importance and utility than the other, that attention was chiefly directed.

The subject of the experiment was the body of a man who died of consumption on the 21st of Sept. It was taken to the school on the 24th, in an advanced stage of putrefaction, the head and feet being greatly swollen and discolored. The trunk was also much decayed, and it was pronounced by Dr. Haldorff, the lecturer on anatomy, to be totally unfit for dissection. On the following day, the 25th, M. Falcony commenced his operations, which were conducted in the presence of several gentlemen of considerable professional eminence. He covered the bottom of the coffin with his powder to the depth of about 3 inches; on this the body was placed, and then covered over with the powder mixed with sawdust as a vehicle. In about ten minutes not a trace of the offensive smell remained, and when the body was uncovered yesterday, after the lapse of between three and four weeks, it was found to be in the same condition as when it was put into the hands of M. Falcony. The powder had arrested the putrefaction, and none of these present were sensible of any unpleasant odor. A hand, into which a small quantity of the fluid intended for the permanent preservation of the dead had been injected some weeks, was also produced. The skin still remained white, and no smell was elicited, although the hand had been placed in water and subjected to other conditions favorable to decomposition.

Dr. Haldorff congratulated M. Falcony on the successful result of his experiments which proved that his invention was of the highest value, and might be made extremely beneficial in a sanitary point of view. M. Falcony, delivered a short address in French, in which he referred to the cordial reception he had met with in England, and expatiated upon the advantages which his discovery was calculated to confer on mankind—in the first place, by the prevention of those insuperable contagious diseases which result from the maladies emitted from dead bodies in certain cases; secondly, by preserving the remains of deceased persons for the inspection of friends and relatives residing at a distance, and thereby, by subserving the purposes of justice, in cases of suspected poisoning. He did not pretend, he said, to have brought this interesting department of chemical science to perfection; what he had done would be surpassed by others, but *l'auant frayer le chemin* and in the meantime we ought to avail ourselves of the advantages which society might derive from his services.

SURGEON ON LA TRAVIATA.

Piccolomini is now entertaining the New Yorkers with *La Traviata*, of which Mr. Spurgeon has thus expressed himself:

You allow in your public places of resort—I mean you, my lords and ladies—you allow things to be said in your hearing, of which your modesty ought to be ashamed. You can sit in theatres to hear plays, at which your modesty should blush, I say naught of piety. That the ruder sex should have listened to the obscenities of *La Traviata*, is surely bad enough, but that ladies of the highest refinement and the most appropriate taste should dishonor themselves by such a patronage of vice, is indeed intolerable.

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